

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

May 26, 2005

Present:

Larry Kanzler - Police Chief

Karen Martin – Campbell Neighborhood Association

Ray Bryan – Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association

Dolly Macken-Hambright – Linwood Neighborhood Association

Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno – Ardenwald Neighborhood Association

Marie Watkins – Island Station Neighborhood Association

Gene Covey – Lewelling Neighborhood Association

Julie Wisner

Guest: Jennifer - Tri-Met

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

Karen presented gift certificates to our Officer of the Year and Reserve Officers of the Year – Tony Cereghino, Danny Hill and Scott Huteson (who are now regular officers for us). She extended her congratulations and appreciation. The Chief gave a brief history on each of the officers. Officer Huteson just graduated from the advanced academy.

Karen asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Ray made a motion to accept the minutes. Dolly seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Jennifer from Tri-Met was introduced. She discussed the Park & Ride that's going in at the former Southgate Theater site. They purchased it and are now working with a design firm. The building is going to be removed. They will be adding lighting and doing landscape work. She asked for concerns and/or suggestions for security issues. Dolly said that there has been a history of cars being vandalized and broken into. Jennifer said that Tri Met Police will be patrolling the lot in addition to Wackenhut Security. The Chief had suggested a closed circuit t.v. system but there is not enough money in the budget for that. Cheryl asked how high the perimeter fence would be – six feet on the east side, next to the railroad tracks. She asked about public restrooms – they will not be provided. Marie asked about putting meters in. Jennifer said that there are some now in Portland – on a trial basis. They are intended to create spaces during the midday. She doesn't see them putting meters in at Southgate. Ray asked what the timeline was – Jennifer said they are hoping to have it open by this winter.

Chief went over the ordinance that created the PSAC and why the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan was assigned to them. Approximately 18 months ago the Council asked the Chief and PSAC to redesign the NTMP so that a layperson could understand it as opposed to it being an engineering document. He also handed out information on communications. He wanted to discuss the City Council's communication agreement and asked if the PSAC wanted to adopt it. Marie said that committee members should be able to bring up any issues they don't feel comfortable bringing up in front of the rest of the group with the chair or the Chief. The Chief said any issues could be given to Jill and she can put them on the next agenda for discussion. Gene said that it all boils down to respect – for people and their ideas. Karen said that we all need to support what the majority of the committee agrees upon – not go outside the committee, etc. We will go over an updated version of the guidelines at the next meeting.

The Chief gave background information on a recent complaint against the P.D. regarding a speeding police car in a school zone. Police officers are authorized by law to exceed the speed limit to do their job – and without lights & siren if that would interfere with the response they need. The complainant has demanded records, etc. and numerous emails have gone to the City Manager, Mayor, City Council and various neighborhood associations. The police sergeant and detective were chasing an escapee and there were no children in the area.

The Chief met with Senator Kate Brown and May 25th and discussed the photo radar issue and a bill regarding DMV using a different system (biometric) for issuing driver's licenses (using federal funds from Homeland Security) that would deal with identity theft/multiple driver's licenses issues. There's a new bill that requires a person to be a U.S. citizen in order to obtain a driver's license. Other states have experienced a 99% drop in fraudulent licenses. Senator Brown said that Milwaukie will most likely be getting photo radar. It should be implemented this fall. The system has an 80% identification rate. He also discussed the budget problems that CCSO is dealing with – they want to close down 90 more jail beds. There might be an alternative using a “pod system” with Multnomah County.

Chief told the group about a chronic nuisance house that the PD has dealt with – 4624 Jackson. They met with the owner and she has agreed to allow police officers to enter and do inspections for drugs, gang activity, etc. 24/7. The residents were recently involved in a drive-by shooting.

Dolly said that there is a Landlord training class being held at PSB on July 30th from 0900 – 1100.

The Chief said we received a Homeland Security grant for \$108,000 – it will be used for portable radios, \$7,000 for disaster training for supervisors and almost \$40,000 to be used for identification/security/access cards and readers for the doors of the PSB.

The Chief gave a little background on the situation surrounding the resignation of West Linn's Chief. We will continue with the Citizen's Academy. We're looking at starting in October for approximately 13 weeks – with 20 citizens.

We will be collaborating with other agencies to put on a Reserve Academy – CCSO has pulled out completely.

Julie showed the group the "Slow Down" banner. Cheryl asked if they were going to receive radar training for neighborhood associations. The Chief said the radar guns would have to be calibrated first. The radar trailer was destroyed. The Chief said that with the photo radar system anything else would be redundant. The van has to be moved every four hours. It will issue tickets for anything over 11 MPH over the limit, 6 MPH in school zones.

ODOT is going to begin construction of the pedestrian overpass on McLoughlin Boulevard soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2005.